COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: LAWE 1115: Basic Firearms

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 2
2. Hours/Week: 4
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): Enrollment in the Law Enforcement program
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course will familiarize students with and examine the legal aspects of Use of Force in Law Enforcement and Firearms Usage. Topics of lecture will include the laws governing Use of Force, Including authorized Use of Deadly Force by peace officers. Students should develop a fluid understanding of the Use of Force Continuum. Students will then be given instruction on the use and operations of the handgun and then be taken to the range and instructed in the different methods of shooting positions until the students can complete a certified shooting course. Completion of this course is a P.O.S.T. requirement for licensure in the state of Minnesota.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): September, 2015

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Use of Force
2. Civil and Criminal Liabilities
3. Firearms Nomenclature
4. Care of weapons and ammunition
5. Range Safety
6. Shooting positions
7. Actual live fire of handguns-daytime
8. Actual live fire of handguns-low light and no light

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Become familiar with the use of force continuum used by law enforcement agencies.
2. Have a working knowledge of firearms nomenclature.
3. Have a working knowledge with proper care and use of a firearm.
4. Have a working knowledge of the professional standards dealing with firearms qualifications.
5. Become proficient with the shooting of a handgun.

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

F. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING:
1. Students will be tested on Use of Force issues, firearms nomenclature and range safety.
2. Students will be evaluated in the practical use of a firearm during daylight as well as during low light and no light courses of fire.
3. Their attendance on the range.

G. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S) ADDRESSED:
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Global Awareness/Diversity
- Civic Responsibility
- Personal/Professional Accountability
- Aesthetic Response

H. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): None